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HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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WHITE PAPER ON PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been actively considering to bring out a White-Paper on thestatus of Central Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of his ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether investment norms in sick Public Sector Undertakings have been finalised;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the extent to which the sick Public Sector Undertakings under his ministry are likely to be revived; and

(f) the concrete steps taken by the Government for improving the performance of Public Sector Undertakings by formation of joint ventures by induction of suitable partners capable of providing technical, financial and marketing inputs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. The White Paper on the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Department of Heavy Industry is under finalisation. This will indicate the road-map for the CPSUs under this Department.Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd. (LJMC), a subsidiary of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. (BBUNL) and the Belting Division of Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd. have already been converted into Joint Venture companies. Performance of these companies has reportedly shown improvement after their conversion into Joint Venture companies.
There are no norms for investment in sick PSUs and revival packages are sanctioned by BIFR, a quasi judicial body. Revival plans in case of 12 PSUs, sanctioned by BIFR, involved fresh infusion of funds to the extent of Rs.637 crore and financial restructuring of Rs.2063 crore. In addition, Government on its own have undertaken restructuring in 7 other PSUs involving fresh infusion of funds to the extent of Rs.531 crore and financial restructuring of Rs.1443 crore.